

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3 and 5-13 stand rejected. Claim 4 is objected to. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of former claim 4, now cancelled. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to correct for grammar. Accordingly, no new matter is submitted with this Reply.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner has restricted Claims 1-13 to one of the following inventions –

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a composition containing a cationic ampholytic polymer, classified in class 510, subclass 475.
- II. Claim 13, drawn to a method of washing, conditioning or styling hair, classified in class 424, subclass 70.22.

Pursuant to the telephonic conversation of 9 March 2005, Applicants affirm election of the invention of Group I.

Reply to the Rejection of Claims 1-3, 5 and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b)/103(a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 5 and 9-12 as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, unpatentable over Japanese Patent Publication No. 02-223509 to Goou Kagaku Kogyo KK (“the ‘509 publication”).

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4, which the Examiner has indicated would place the claims in form for allowance. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-3, 5 and 9-12 as being anticipated by, or alternatively, unpatentable over the ‘509 publication is now moot.

Reply to the Rejection of Claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b)/103(a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 6-8 as being unpatentable over the ‘509 publication as applied to claims 1-3, 5 and 9-12 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,976,516 to Sakai *et al.* (“Sakai”).

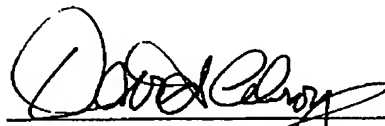
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of claims 6-8 as being unpatentable over the '509 publication as applied to claims 1-3, 5 and 9-12 above, and further in view of Sakai is now moot.

Allowance of the claims is believed to be in order, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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